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1. HIGHLIGHTS. INDOCHINA CONTINUES TO RECIEVE CHIEF NEWS

ATTENTION; SATURDAY NYTIMES FRONTPAGED SOVIET SIGNS IN WEST FOR 250 MILLION LOAN; MONDAYBALTSUN FRONTPAGES BONN STORY, US NEGOTIATORS ENCOURAGE MOSCOW SHIFT TO SMALLER MISSILES. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. FRIDAY WASHPOST INSIDE HAD SOVIETS GET SIMON'S PLEDGE ON US TRADE, ALSO A BRIEF ON SOVIET EXERCISES; BALTSUN HAD MOSCOW SAYING BREZHNEV HOPEFUL ON DETENTE; WASHSTAR HAD MOSCOW BRIEF, BREZHNEV REASSURES SIMON ON DETENTE.

1B. SUNDAY WASHPOST HAD MOSCOW STORY ON BREZHNEV SIMON; NYTIMES HAD WASHINGTON ITEM, MISHAP FAILS TO DELAY JOINT SPACE PLAN; BALTSUN HEADED GENEVA STORY, TALKS LEAVE DETENTE ON BACK SEAT; WASHSTAR HAD SOVIETS EDGE US IN OIL PRODUCTION. MONDAY BALTSUN HAS WASHINGTON ITEM, SOVIET SHIPS TO DEFY US RATE-FLOOR EFFORT.

2. SALT. MONDAY BALTSUN OISHI BONN REPORTS ONE OF GOALS OF US NEGOTIATORS AT SALT IS TO ENCOURAGE SOVIET UNION TO DEEMPHASIZE FIXED, LAND-BASED MISSILES AND RELY ON SMALLER, LESS VULNERABLE WEAPONS ESPECIALLY SUBMARINES. AFTER VLADIVOSTOK, SAYS OISHI, THE STILL OPEN QUESTION IS HOW EACH SIDE WILL MIX ITS FORCES WITHIN THE AGREED LIMITS AND IT IS NOT ALTOGETHER CLEAR WHETHER NEW TREATY WOULD INCLUDE FURTHER RESTRICTION ON TYPES OF MISSILES THAT CAN BE DEPLOYED UNDER 2400 AND 1320 LIMITS. WHAT WORRIES US OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO OISHI, IS THAT SOVIET UNION DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A PROGRAM FORMIRVING ITS SUBMARINE MISSILES AND IMPLICATION IS THAT RUSSIANS ARE PLANNING TO MOUNT ALL THEIR 1320 MIRVS ON THEIR MASSIVE LAND-BASED MISSILES, WHICH COULD PUT US LAND-BASED

MISSILES IN JEOPARDY AND SPUR ANOTHER ARMS SPRINT. OISHI SAYS AN AMERICAN SOURCE CLOSE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS NOTED RUSSIA ALREADY HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DE-EMPHASIZE ITS LAND-BASED FORCES, THOUGH HE DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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TREND COULD BE CARRIED FURTHER, BUT DID SAY 1972 TREATY WHICH BANNED FURTHER LAND-BASED LAUNCHERS AND PROVIDED FOR REPLACEMENT OF SOME ICBMS BY SUBMARINE MISSILES IS IN EFFECT A MOVE TOWARD MILITARY STABILITY AND ONE THAT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. ALSO SALT NEGOTIATORS WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH MOBILE MISSILES AND IF SS-16, SMALLEST OF THE NEW SOVIET MISSILES, IS MADE MOBILE IT WOULD ADD TO THE INVULNERABILITY OF SOVIET FORCES AND THEREFORE OUGHT TO BE WELCOMED ACCORDING TO THE INVULNERABILITY-EQUALS-STABILITY THESIS. NEGOTIATORS WILL ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH CRUISE MISSILES, SAYS OISHI, AND ONLY INDICATION OF GENEVA PROGRESS SO FAR IS THAT THREE WORKING GROUPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND NEGOTIATIONS HAVE APPARENTLY ENTERED THE DRAFTING STAGE. US SOURCES ARE MAKING NO PREDICTIONS

AS TO WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED, SAYS OISHI, EXCEPT TO NOTE THEIR MANDATE IS TO PRODUCE A JOINT DRAFT THIS YEAR.

3. EXERCISES. FRIDAY WASHPOST ROUNDUP ITEM FROM MOSCOW REPORTED SOVIET UNION, IN AN APPARENT GESTURE TO WESTERN PRESSURE FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION ON MILITARY MOVEMENTS, ANNOUNCED IT WILL HOLD NAVAL AND AIR EXERCISES ON THE QUOTE HIGH SEAS UNQUOTE LATER THIS MONTH; BUT THIS SECOND ADVANCE WARNING IN THREE MONTHS GAVE NO INDICATION OF WHERE THE MANEUVERS WOULD TAKE PLACE.

4. SOVIET RELATIONS. FRIDAY WASHPOST MOSCOW ITEM REPORTED SIMON SAID FORD ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO PROPOSE CHANGES IN TRADE LEGISLATION THIS SUMMER DIRECTED AT REMOVING

IRRITANTS TO INCREASED SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE, MENTIONING BOTH CREDIT CEILING AND JACKSON AMENDMENT.

4A. SATURDAY NYTIMES CLARITY MOSCOW REPORTED SOVIET SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH GROUP HEADED BY LAZARD FRERES INCLUDING SEVERAL WEST EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN BANKS TO BORROW 250 MILLIONS OVER FIVE AND HALF YEARS, BUT SOVIET UNION DIDN'T DISCLOSE HOW IT WOULD SPEND THE MONEY. CLARITY QUOTES SIMON SAYING BREZHNEV SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SUMMIT WITH FORD IN AMERICA DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS; AND JOINT STATEMENT AFTER MEETING OF US-USSR UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMERCIAL COMMISSION SAID BOTH SIDES RENEWED THEIR

DETERMINATION TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO FULL TRADE. BALTSUN FINANCIAL PAGE HAD LONGISH STORY ON LOAN FROM PARKS. PARKS ALSO HAD HALF-COLUMN STORY ON SIMON-BREZHNEV MEETING, SAYING BREZHNEV SAID KREMLIN REMAINS COMMITTED TO SEEKING RAPPROCHEMENT WITH US AND HE EXPECTS NEW AND USEFUL INITIATIVES TO COME FROM THIS SUMMER'S SUMMIT.

4B. SUNDAY WASHPOST OSNOS MOSCOW REPORTED SIMON'S VISIT HAD SALUTARY RESULT OF GIVING HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS A CHANCE TO CLASP HANDS AT A TIME WHEN INDOCHINA THREATENS TO ADD NEW STRAINS TO DETENTE.

4C. SUNDAY NYTIMES HAD WASHINGTON UPI QUOTING CHESTER LEE, US DIRECTOR OF JOINT SPACEFLIGHT, SAYING HE WAS SATISFIED WITH RUSSIA'S EXPLANATION OF LAST WEEKEND'S ABORTIVE SOYUZ LAUNCHING, ALSO HE EXPECTS MORE INFORMATION SOON ON THIRD-STAGE ROCKET FAILURE.

5. CSCE. SUNDAY BALTSUN OISHI GENEVA SAID AT CSCE EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES ARE BEING REPLACED BY A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE BIG AND THE SMALL, WITH AMERICA BRITAIN

FRANCE GERMANY INDICATING GREATER WILLINGNESS TO
ACCOMMODATE SOVIET UNION BUT SMALLER NATIONS EXPRESSING
FEARS OF BEING STAMPEDED. MAIN QUESTION IS JUST HOW
MUCH AMBIGUITY WEST WILL ALLOW IN THE HUMAN CONTACTS AND
MILITARY FIELDS WHILE SOVIET IS PUSHING TO MAKE AGREE-
MENTS RELATING TO CONTACTS CONTINGENT ON DETENTE.
SMALLER POWERS SAY PURPOSE OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING
MEASURES WOULD FAIL IF THEY COULD BE SET ASIDE DURING
CRISES. KISSINGER

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